



Celebrating The Life of

Annabelle Lockley

Sunrise
September 9, 1952

Sunset
October 18, 2022

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022 - 11:00 AM

SARDIS TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

506-508 18th Ave Newark, NJ 07103

Rev. Kevin L. Pendleton, Officiating

Bro. Ishmill Jackson, Musician

Obituary

Annabelle Lockley was born on September 9, 1952 in Newark, New Jersey to the late William Fleming Sr. and Catherine Pitts. She departed from this earthly life on October 18, 2022. She was the youngest of four siblings; eldest sister Rev. Betty Thomas, brother Mr. William Fleming Jr. and sister Ms. Valerie Scott who preceded her in death.

Annabelle was raised and matriculated through the Montclair Public School District where she obtained her diploma in 1971. She was an exceptional student, and to support other students, she volunteered as a tutor. She was accepted into 10 universities and ultimately chose to begin her studies at the distinguished Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina. Annabelle even learned shorthand which became an invaluable skillset. In 1975, she joined the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at McGuire AFB in New Jersey as a part of the Military Airlift Command Unit. Airman Lockley was skillful and devotedly served her country as she traveled the world until her honorable discharge.

As a youth, Annabelle attended the True Love Missionary Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey with her mother under the leadership of her late Uncle William H. Pitts. She also joined the Soul Stompers marching band. She had a love for soulful music and occasionally enjoyed playing pool and bowling. She was a fierce competitor and often trash talked when she was winning at a game of dominos. Annabelle was not easily intimidated by anything. She loved a challenge. What she lacked in height she made up for in skill, wit, and personality. While she could be sarcastic at times she was also kind and loving. Annabelle was intellectually sharp even until her passing day.

When Annabelle was not engaged in activities with her grandchildren, you could find her at home reading a James Patterson novel or enjoying a spread of crabs while sitting in the middle of the floor. Two of her favorite phrases were, "Tell me what you need" and "If I got it, you got it." She was great that way!

Let us rejoice in her home going and be glad! Annabelle was a fighter, a fierce protector and a spirited human being. She suffers no more and that is well with our souls. As you reflect on your relationship with her, remember her parting words that she would often say, "Never goodbye."

She leaves behind to honor and cherish her memory, her beloved daughters Anessa and Janelle Lockley, her three grandchildren Náziya Robinson, Jamir Cowan, and Aniya Robinson. Her sister Rev. Betty Thomas, brother William Fleming Jr., and sister-in-law Maryann Jones Fleming. She is also survived by three nephews: Craig, Donnell, William Jr., nine nieces: Tara, Courtne, Vashti, Dana, Diedra, Dru, Dásia, Dale and Danell, a host of great nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. Annabelle will truly be missed by us all.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

Order of Service

Processional of the family.....Funeral Director
Honor Guard Flag Ceremony.....U.S. Air Force Honor Guard
Hymn of Comfort..... Amazing Grace, Sherley Belizaire
Scripture..... Tara Thomas (niece)
Old Testament..... Psalms 23
New Testament John 14:1-4
Solo Selection Eyes on the Sparrow
Reading of Acknowledgment/Resolutions.....Dru Pendleton (niece)
Expressions of Love..... Family and Friends
Obituary Reading Courtne Thomas (niece)
Selection..... Just Want to Praise You (all to sing)
Eulogy Rev. Rahmin Wynn, Pastor
New Point Missionary Baptist Church
Committal ServiceFuneral Director
Recessional Praise.....Going Up Yonder, Arick Lockhart

Pallbearers

Family and Friends

Craig Weaver

Donnell Scott

Stacy Lawson

Kassan Horge

Ricky Worthen

William Fleming Jr.

Please join the family of Annabelle Lockley for a repast immediately following services in the upstairs church dining hall.



Acknowledgement

The family of Annabelle Lockley would like to thank God for sending her into our lives. Although we are saddened by her passing, we find comfort in knowing that she is now in her resting place, where she suffers no more. God has a way of showing us that in our grief we are never alone. Also to cherish the people given to us because it is only for a short time. So let's do well to make the best of our time together. Your love, support, and compassion has comforted us. We ask for your continued prayers as we heal and celebrate the blessed life of our beloved Annabelle.

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